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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Applicant responds herein to the Restriction Requirement dated December 21, 2004.

Applicant elects the invention of Species (1) identified as the specifics an optical imaging device comprising an optical length variation system comprising a spectrum dispersion element, a light introducing block, a phase modulator, a spectrum reuniting element, and a light pick up block, wherein the phase modulator is realized with a wedge prism made of light-transmissive material comprising a first embodiment corresponding to Figs. 1 through 9. The claims readable on this species are identified as claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

If this communication is filed after the statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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